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Re:

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Substituted Nicotinamides and Analogs as Activators

of Caspases and Inducers of Apoptosis and the Use Thereof

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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

Fee Transmittal (PTO/SB/17);

- 2. Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1);
- Notice of Appeal From the Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and 3. Interferences - Small Entity;
- Form PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form for \$310.00 to cover: 4. \$160.00 fee for filing a Notice of Appeal; \$150.00 extension of time fee from one month to two months; and
- 5. One (1) return postcard.

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Respectfully submitted,

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